

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1 and 7. The status of all claims is as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A tubeless pneumatic tire, ~~which includes~~
comprising:

a sound absorbing member for reducing noise generated by the tire attached to
an inner surface of a tread thereof by ~~use~~ an elasticity of an elastic fixing band, the sound
absorbing member being independent from the tire,

wherein the elastic fixing band is formed of a metallic band form with a width
in a range of 10 to 40 mm and a thickness in a range of 0.1 to 0.5 mm, and the sound
absorbing member is a sound absorbing member formed of a porous material.

2. (Original) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the band
form is made of a metallic material having a tensile strength in a range of 400 to 1400 MPa.

3. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,
wherein an outer periphery of the elastic fixing band is covered with rubber or synthetic
resin.

4. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a circumferential length of the elastic fixing band is set being 10 to 50 mm shorter than a circumferential length of the center of an inner periphery of the tire.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein a circumferential length of the elastic fixing band is a fixed length.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~The pneumatic tire according to claim 1,~~
~~comprising:~~ A pneumatic tire comprising:

a member attached to an inner surface of a tread thereof by use of an elastic fixing band, the member being independent from the tire; and

a stretching mechanism at least in one location on a circumference of the elastic fixing band, the stretching mechanism automatically adjusting a circumferential length of the elastic fixing band;

wherein the elastic fixing band is formed of a metallic band form with a width in a range of 10 to 40 mm and a thickness in a range of 0.1 to 0.5 mm, and the member is a sound absorbing member formed of a porous material.

8. (Original) The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein the stretching mechanism is formed of an elastic spring mechanism.

9. (Original) The pneumatic tire according to claim 7, wherein the stretching mechanism is formed by coupling both ends of the elastic fixing band with each other in a manner that the elastic fixing band can slide.

10. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the outer circumferential surface of the sound absorbing member and the inner circumferential surface of the elastic fixing band are joined together.

11. (Previously Presented) The pneumatic tire according to claim 1, wherein the inner circumferential surface of the sound absorbing member and the outer circumferential surface of the elastic fixing band are joined together.